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1. The PTP (Pomocny technicky prapor - Auxiliary Technical Battalion) units were renamed TP (Technical Battalion) in autumn of 1953. This name change occurred about the same time as rumors were spread that the Kulak Lists were abolished. Apparently, the purpose of this name change was to give the impression that draftee discrimination had been lessened. [] the policy of discrimination had not been lessened; kulaks continued to be drafted into the TP. 25X1 25X1

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TP unit in Karvinna (N 49-50, E 18-29).

[] The soldiers worked as miners in the Army Mine located in this area. Their average monthly salary was 1,000 crowns; however, they received no soldiers' pay. The cost of their food, housing, and clothing was deducted from their salary. Each soldier had to have a savings account in which he had to deposit half of his pay remaining after deductions; however, the soldiers could freely withdraw money from their accounts and did so regularly. The soldiers were supervised by NCOs. The NCOs did not work in the mine and received their regular military salary. All of the NCOs were recruited from the CP cadres. For the first month or so after an NCO was assigned to the unit, he tried to improve the political morale of the soldiers and tried to apply Communist propaganda methods; but after awhile he gave up, his own morale became very low, and he started to drink excessively. The NCOs usually had their drinks paid for by the soldiers who used this system of bribery for obtaining minor favors. 25X1

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3. In summer 1954, a TP unit was stationed in Bratislava in the "Barracks Under the Castle". This unit had about 150 troops.

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The unit was transferred to Bratislava from Pilsen at the end of 1953. The soldiers had previously worked on concrete construction for a Pilsen airfield.

4. In summer 1954, an infantry unit was stationed in Mikulov (N 48-48, E 16-38). The unit attended summer training at the Military Training Camp (Vojensky vycelykovy tabor - VVT) in Libava, somewhere in the Bruntal (N 49-59, E 17-28) area. The Libava Military Camp was rumored by the soldiers to be the largest of its kind in Czechoslovakia. There was a lack of water in this area, especially potable water which had to be brought in from other areas. The artillery unit in Mistek (N 49-40, E 18-20) also went to the Libava Training Camp. Another military training camp was located near Pribram (N 49-42, E 14-01) in the Brdy hills.

5. In summer 1954, a military unit was stationed in Cervena Voda (N 50-02, E 16-45).

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6. In summer 1954, a military unit was stationed in Nove Zamky, north-west of Litovel (N 49-43, E 17-05). Nove Zamky was a former large estate with a castle. No military unit was stationed there before World War II.

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7. In summer 1954, there was a military unit in Olomouc in the barracks located near the railroad station. The address was: TS 523/A, Olomouc. The unit was engaged in training for aircraft monitoring and warning.

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